Protection Force (RPF) has taken the following preventive measures to curb the menace of drugging:-

1. Affected/vulnerable stations and trains have been identified and special squads have been made in co-ordination with Government Railway Police (GRP) to keep surveillance in such trains/Railway Stations with a view to arrest criminals red-handed.

2. The train escorting parties are being briefed to remain extra vigilant in trains at the affected stations/sections.

3. Regular co-ordination meeting with GRP/State Police is being held to share intelligence regarding criminals indulging in drugging of passengers.

4. Regular announcements are being made through Public Address System as well as Loud Hailers to educate passengers regarding the menace of drugging. Colourful pamphlets/posters are also being displayed at prominent places of vulnerable Railway stations/trains to sensitize passengers.

5. Help of Coolies, Vendors, Taxi drivers etc. is also being taken in keeping surveillance on suspicious persons in Railway premises.

During 2007 (upto June), 35 nos. of criminals indulging in incidents of drugging have been arrested by Railway Protection Force (RPF) and handed over to Govt. Railway Police (GRP) for further legal action.

Loss to Railways due to agitation of Gujjars

119. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated losses suffered by the Indian Railways due to the recent agitation of Gujjars in Rajasthan;

(b) whether there is any provision to make up such losses;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how railways propose to make good such losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The estimated loss suffered over Indian Railways is Rupees 12,28,27,250/- due to recent agitation of Gujjars in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, there is no such system. However, every conceivable precaution is taken to protect Railway property. On getting information about the said agitation, concerned Railway Protection force officials were advised to take necessary precautionary measures in co-ordination with local Police/Government Railway Police, Local Intelligence Agencies and sister departments of Railways and to ensure effective security of railways passengers, stations, trains, tracks, bridges, Level Crossing gates, etc.

(d) Since Rioters are part of a mob which goes berserk and largely consists of anonymous people, there is no way to make good the losses from them. But the Government can formulate a policy for recovery of the cost of losses from the entire population of a particular area where such incidents take place.